IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 13 (Cancelled)

14. (Original) A retainer for detachably retaining a tip onto a mounting block on a compactor wheel, comprising:

a cylindrical barrel member of a predetermined diameter, said barrel member being disposed about a central axis and having opposite ends with a first end having a threaded bore therein; and

a separate fastening member having a cylindrical head portion and a threaded stud portion, said stud portion being adapted for threaded engagement with said threaded bore of said barrel member for detachably mounting said fastener member to said barrel member.

15. (Currently Amended) The retainer of claim 14, wherein ~~and~~ said barrel member includes an alignment configuration base portion having at least two radially extending arms extending radially beyond the diameter of said barrel member when said stud portion is mounted in said threaded bore.

16. (Original) The retainer of claim 14, wherein said fastener member includes a tapered portion that blendingly connects the threaded portion to the cylindrical head portion.

17. (Original) The retainer of claim 15, wherein said barrel member includes a tapered socket that receives the tapered portion of said fastening member.

18. (Original) The retainer of claim 14, wherein said fastening member having a tool receiving socket in said cylindrical head portion, said tool receiving socket is

adapted for receipt of a tool for rotating said fastening member relative to said barrel member.

19. (New) A method of removably attaching a replaceable tip having at least one spaced surface and an annular through-hole to a mounting block having a retainer pocket, comprising:

inserting a cylindrical barrel member into the retainer pocket;

mounting the replaceable tip onto the mounting block so that the cylindrical barrel member abuts against the at least one spaced surface of the replaceable tip;

inserting a separate fastening member into the annular through-hole; and

screwing the separate fastening member into the barrel member.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the fastening member includes a cylindrical head portion, further including:

inserting a tool into a tool receiving socket in the cylindrical head portion of the fastening member; and

rotating the tool to rotate the fastening member relative to the barrel member.